[Translation]

Storage Capacity

*297 DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the storage capacity required at present by the Food Corporation of India. the Central Warehousing Corporation and the State Warehousing corporations;

(b) the total number of godowns alongwith their capacity at preset and whether these are sufficient for storage purposes; and

(c) the quantity of foodgrains stored in various godowns during the year 1990-91?

*THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI):(a) to (c). The working Group on Storage and Warehousing for Eighth Plan had assessed requirement of storage capacity for foodgrains as 23 million tonnes by the end of 1994-95. This capacity is partly owned by Food Corporation of India (FCI), and partly hired from other agencies, including Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) and State Warehousing Corporations (SWCs).

CWC and SWCs, besides construcing godowns for foodgrains, also provide storage faciilities for other commodities such as fertilizers, jute, cotton etc. and for general warehousing.

The number of covered godowns available with FCI, CWC and SWCs as on 1.4.1991 and their capacities are as follows:-

Name of the agency	*Number of godowns*	*Capacity (Million tonnes)*
FCI	1447	19.59 *
CWC	498	6.47
SWCs	1328	9.16

* This Includes hired capacity of 3.72 million tonnes taken from CWC and SWCs.

The above storage capacity,alongwith the capacity available with State Governments and their agencies, is considered to be sufficient for meeting the present requirements.

The quantity of foodgrains stored in the various godowns of FCI/CWC/SWCs as on 1.4.1991 was 146.88 lakh tonnes.

[English]

Diversification of Industries to the detriment of labour

*298. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government to prevent industrial units from shutting down or diversifying their activities into more lucrative areas to the detriment of labour;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) the decision, if any, taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (c). The New Industrial